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Dear Interested Party:

The Eldorado National Forest has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and is seeking comments on the Eldorado National Forest Over-Snow Vehicle (OSV) Use Designation Project. A comment period is being provided for this DEIS pursuant to 36 CFR 218.22 and is intended to provide those interested in or affected by this action an opportunity to make their concerns known prior to a decision being made. Those submitting timely, specific written comments will be eligible to file an objection during the objection period which will be provided for this project prior to a final decision (36 CFR 218.5(a)).

With this project, the Forest Service proposes to designate OSV areas and trails for public OSV use on National Forest System lands within the Eldorado National Forest, consistent with Subpart C of the Travel Management Regulations, and identify OSV trails where grooming will occur.

The DEIS is available for review on the Eldorado National Forest website at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46034 or www.fs.usda.gov/projects/eldorado/landmanagement/projects.

To obtain a hard copy of the DEIS, please contact Jennifer Marsolais, Forest Environmental Coordinator, jennifermarsolais@fs.fed.us or 530-642-5187.

How to Comment and Timeframe

This project is subject to comment pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Only those who provide timely, project specific written comments during a public comment period are eligible to file an objection under 36 CFR 218.

The Forest Service will accept comments on the DEIS for 45 days following the publication date of the Notice of Availability (NOA) in the Federal Register, which is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. Publication of the NOA in the Federal Register is <u>anticipated</u> on June 22, 2018. Commenters should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. It is the commenter's responsibility to ensure timely receipt of comments (36 CFR 218.25). Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 218.25, including specific written comments as defined in 218.2 regarding the proposed project, along with supporting reasons (218.25 (a)(3)(iii)). Individuals or representatives of an entity submitting timely and specific written comments regarding this project must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request (218.24(b)(8)). All written comments received by the responsible official become a matter of public record (218.25(b)(2)).





Comments in common electronic format (.doc, .pdf, .rtf, .txt) may be submitted by email to: comments-pacificsouthwest-eldorado@fs.fed.us with Subject: ENF OSV Project.

Comments may also be mailed to: Laurence Crabtree, c/o Jennifer Marsolais, Eldorado National Forest, 100 Forni Road, Placerville, CA 95667 or delivered to this address during business hours (M-F 8:00 am to 4:30 pm).

For additional information, please contact Jennifer Marsolais, at <u>jennifermarsolais@fs.fed.us</u> or 530-642-5187.

Thank you for your interest and participation in the environmental analysis process on the Eldorado National Forest.

Sincerely,

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